

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 2 and 20-27 are subject to examination based on the election of Group B set forth above. The claims have been amended to facilitate rejoinder of Groups A, B and C. No new matter has been introduced. The Applicants request rejoinder of Claims 1 and 2 (Group A) to the elected Group B, because the claims of Group B depend from, and therefore incorporate the special technical features of Group A. That is, the compositions of both Groups A and B comprise *Kluyveromyces* and in an amount sufficient to reduce cholesterol. The Applicants also request rejoinder of the claims of Group C upon and indication of allowability for the elected subject matter, see MPEP 821.04.

Rejections of Record

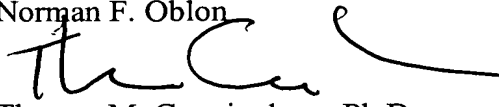
The Applicants reiterate their prior responses to the rejections of record as set forth in their Amendment filed March 12, 2004.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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